



# Martin Luther's Doctrines

# THE THREE SOLAE



Only Scripture

Only Faith

Only Grace



**SOLA**  
Scriptura





**ALL**  
**DOCTRINES**  
must be directly  
derived from  
**Scripture.**





**SOLA**  
**Fide**



Justification b

Faith

Alone

“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.”

-- Ephesians

2:8-9







**SOLA**  
**Gratia**



SAVED  
by God's  
Grace

“For the wages of sin is death; but the [free] gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

-- Romans 6:23





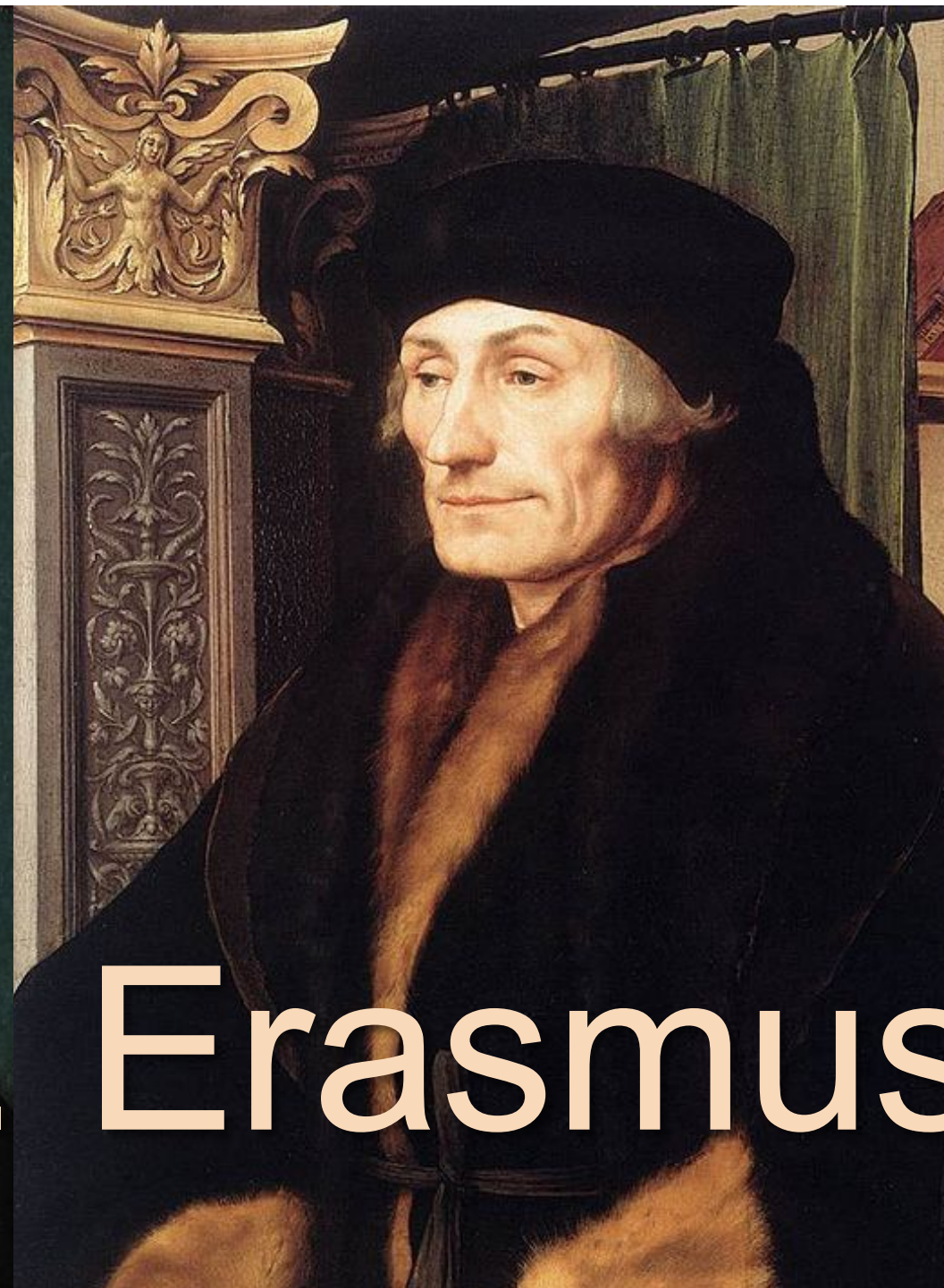


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# Simultaneous Saint and Sinner





Luther vs. Erasmus



# *The Freedom of the Will*

Erasmus defends  
Catholic teaching



Too far,  
Luther!

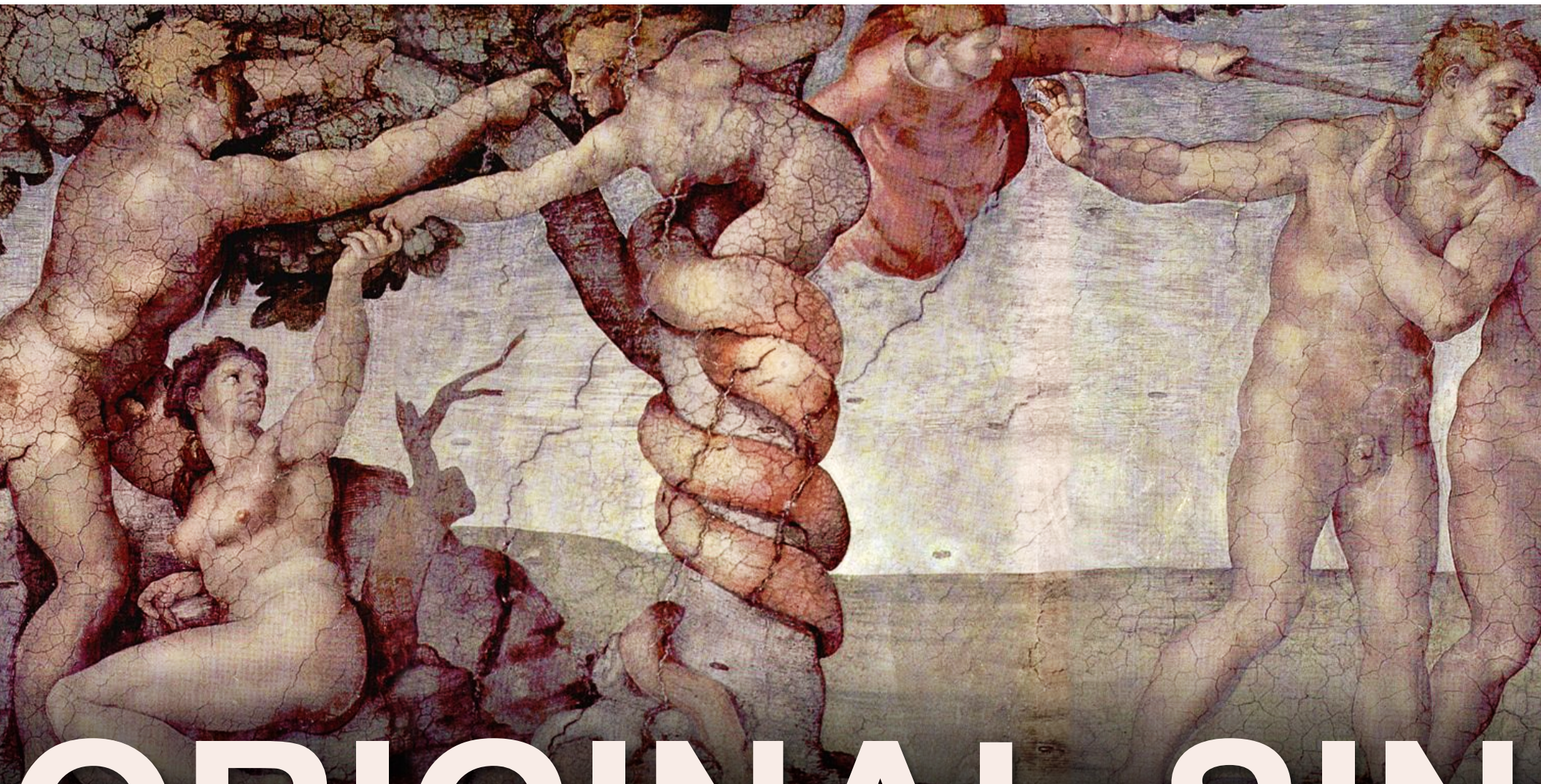






*On the*  
Bondage  
*of the*  
Will





**ORIGINAL SIN**



# The Sinful Nature



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Can we be cleaned?



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# Luther vs. Erasmus

## Erasmus (Cooperative)

God's grace acts as a support for a free human will in working out salvation.

## Luther (Unilateral)

The human will is bound by evil and only God's grace acting alone can liberate



# Luther vs. Erasmus



Both writers relied solely  
on

# Scripture

to support their arguments.

# THE PROBLEM of the Three Solae



# BIBLICAL INTERPRETATION

## Catholic Church

Scripture should be interpreted in accordance with the teachings of the Church.

## Martin Luther

An individual believer can interpret the Bible with help from the Holy Spirit.

# Sacraments



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Baptism  
Communion  
Penance



SEVEN!

Henry VIII  
defended Catholic  
teaching in his  
*Defense of the  
Seven Sacraments.*



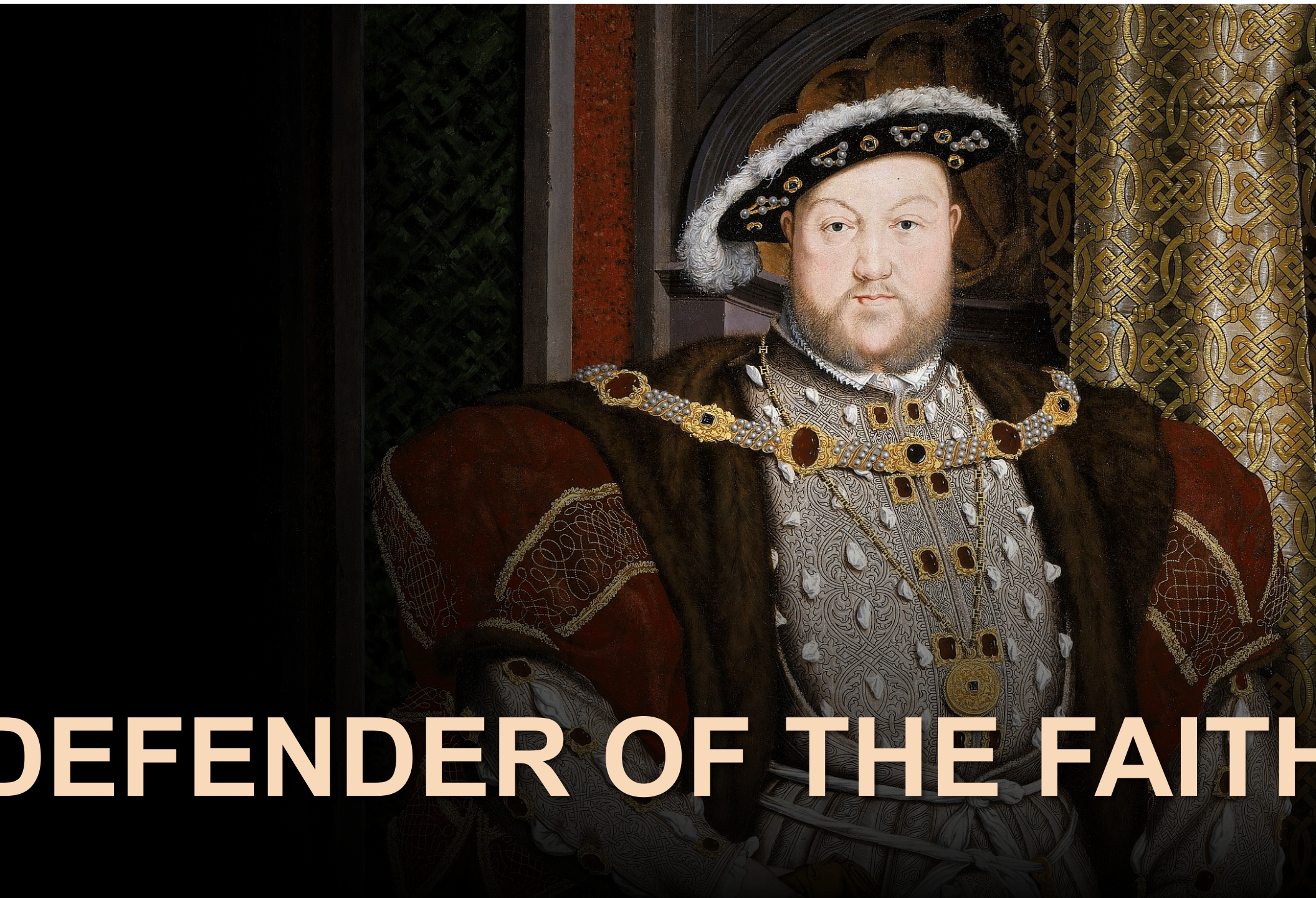


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e Vicar of Christ  
hich the Fury of  
e **little Monk**  
ews up against  
e Pope...”

-- Henry VIII







DEFENDER OF THE FAITH





REVIEW





**Three Solae**  
Scriptura  
Fide  
Gratia

**Priesthood**  
of all Believers

**Three Sacramen**

# Luther's 95 THESES-1517

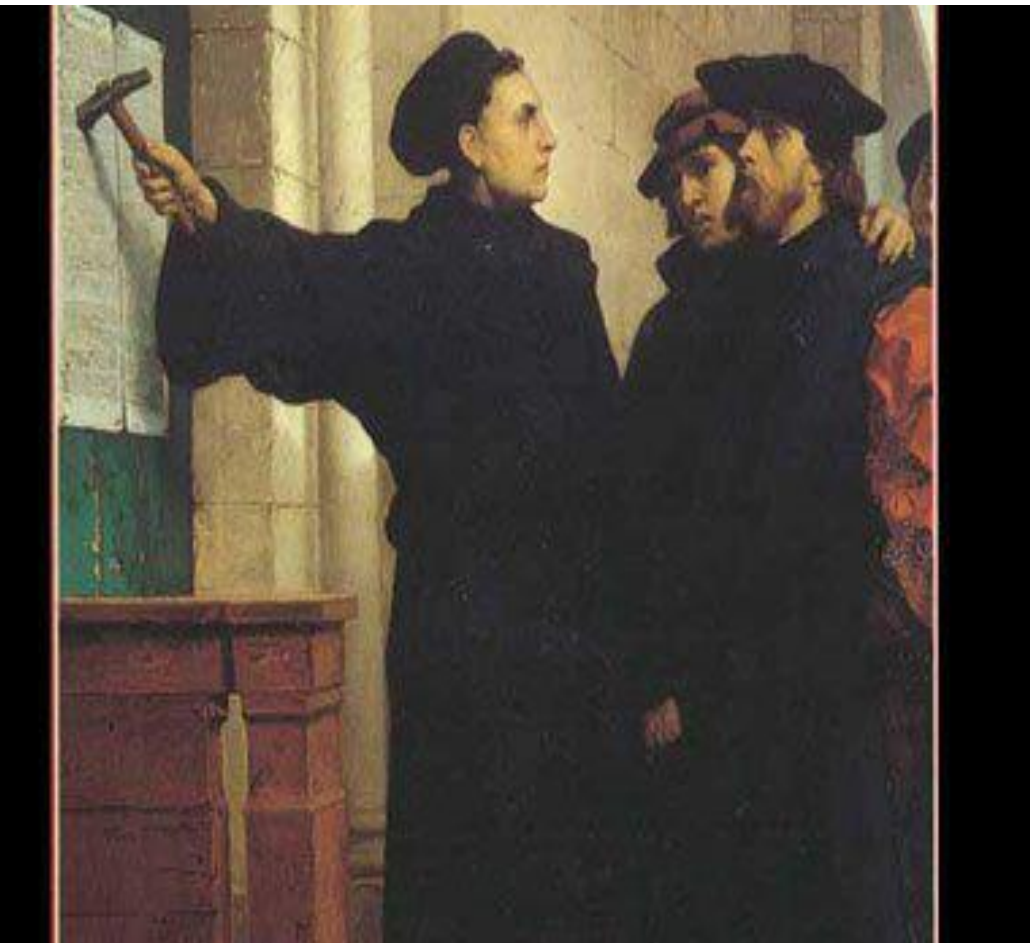
Luther nailed 95 Theses (complaints) against the Catholic Church on door of The All Saints Church in Wittenberg, Germany (HRE)

Protests against clerical abuses, especially nepotism, simony, usury, pluralism, and INDULGENCES

Seen as the event which started ***The Reformation***



# 95 Theses an All Saints Church door









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